

The Social Message of Jesus

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EVER did the world need more than now to hear the authoritative voice of Jesus.

If we are to bring order out of chaos, peace out of conflict, brotherhood out of clash of class and group, we must return in humble spirit to the Bethlehem manger, to the Nazareth shop, to the market place, the seashore or the mountain-side, where the message of Jesus was spoken to the hearts of men.

Jesus believed in man. It is well to emphasize this fact in an age of cynicism. There was no room for despair in His philosophy. He came into a world where force and fraud and oppression prevailed, and to the hour of His triumphant death He never doubted that love and justice and freedom were possible in human relations.

Jesus believed in man as a potential Son of God. His ideal for society contemplated the emancipation of man from the control of material things. Mammon should not rule; there should be no occasion for anxious thought concerning any need of the body; the spiritual nature of man should be free to realize its highest destiny.

In the program that He worked out as He toiled at the bench He planned that service should be the motive and co-operation the method in human industry. We have substituted self-advantage for service, and mutual exploitation for co-operation. While these rule in motive and method we shall never realize the happiness He desired for us—the happiness we seek.

Jesus set small store by charity. The philanthropy of almsgiving was to Him a mere cloak for the imperfections and inequities of human relations. He put all the emphasis of His teaching and example upon justice and love. In a world where these prevailed charity would be unnecessary.

We have traveled so far from the ideals of Jesus it is not easy to restore them. But there is no other way to find a permanent solution for the troubles that disturb us. His road is the only road. It involves sacrifice. We cannot avoid the cross. But beyond Calvary lies the realization of our hopes.

It is not enough that the spirit of Jesus should be worshipped in our temples or revered in our homes. It is not enough that His sympathy and help should be expressed in our hospitals, our orphanages, our institutions for the poor and the afflicted. To be satisfied with this is to evade the real challenge of His message and to lose the real meaning of His promise.

The spirit of Jesus must be brought into factory and mine and bank and railroad system; into store and office.

It must reveal to us that man is more than the machine with which he works; that material wealth was meant to be the servant, not the master, of the human soul; that the making of a life is the supreme thing, for which the making of a livelihood is merely incidental.

Until we get this vision, we will approach the solution of our problems without true understanding.

It is time that men who believe in Jesus should make their faith count—not merely in religious observance, but in human relations; in civic duty; in business; in industrial management; in the tasks of office and workshop.

The hope of the world rests upon the leadership of Jesus.

HOUSEHOLD HOMINESS

(By Aunt Polly)

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

WESTON STREET WAYS

I told your Uncle Mark that something seemed to me to be lacking the last time I made a trip over Weston street. It was the familiar figure who had sat through the summer in the gateway of "the house by the side of the road;" the one who is ever on inspection to those who pass with his unconquerable spirit which reprises to see the world through dark glasses, even while spending his days in a wheel chair. But I had a rousing welcome from the sturdy youngster near by, with an offering from his garden of tiny odorless onions and gony little radishes; the boy who must live up to the traditions of a long line of worthy ancestors. And farther along I met the daughter who found it hard to think of the best thing the mother made, because all were so good. And here are some of the recipes I gathered as I went my way on Weston street:

Mock Mince Pie

1 peck of green tomatoes, 4 pounds of brown sugar, 1 pound currants, 1 teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg, 1 pound of mixed lemon and orange peel, ½ cup dark molasses, 1 pound beef suet chopped fine. Boil one hour and bottle. When making pies add cider.—Mrs. J. W. Hawkins.

Tomato Relish

15 green tomatoes, 15 red peppers, 15 green sweet peppers, ½ teaspoonful of salt. Take out seeds of the peppers put 5 onions through meat chopper. Make a sweetened vinegar and cover the mixture and let it boil ½ minute and can while hot.—Mrs. Hawkins.

Southern Fruit Cake.

3-4 pound of butter, 3-4 pound sugar, 3-4 pound flour, 6 eggs, 1½ pounds of raisins, 1½ pounds of currants, ½ pound citron, 2 pounds of walnuts, 1-3 cup of molasses, 1½ teaspoonful cinnamon, 1 of mace, 1 of cloves, ½ teaspoonful nutmeg, ½ teaspoonful soda, ¼ cup cold coffee, putting the soda into the molasses and coffee.—Mrs. Renn.

Ladies' Aid Cake

Put into a saucepan the following ingredients and boil together for 3 minutes, then let them get cold. 1 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 1 cup raisins, ½ cup lard, 1-4 teaspoonful of grated nutmeg and the same of salt, 1 teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, 1 of cloves. When these are cold add 2 cups of flour into which ½ teaspoonful of baking powder has been sifted then add a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in hot water and bake in a slow oven. Half a cup of meatnuts can be added if desired.—Mrs. Terry.

Puff Paste

For one pie, take 1 table spoonful of shortening, 2 of warm water, 3 of flour, ½ teaspoonful of salt, and ¼ teaspoonful baking powder.—Mrs. Hawkins.

LOMITA CHURCH NOTES

Preparations are being made for the observance of Christmas by the church and Sunday school, Sunday, December 19, there will be Christmas hymns and sermons at both services. The evening service will be a Christmas Praise service.

Thursday evening, December 23rd the Sunday school will give an attractive program entitled, "Following the Star." This program was written by Dr. John H. Finley, president of the University of the state of New York. An offering will be given for the boys and girls of Syria and Persia.

The Christian the World's Bible was the subject of Sunday morning's sermon using the text: ye are the salt of the earth and ye are the light of the world. As salt prevents decay and gives flavor to food, so the Christian should be a wholesome influence when he is the figure of light is most grateful and apt. Let your light shine before men.

The evening theme was "A Man's Religion." It was shown that religion was meant for men as well as women. So were his apostles, religion does not make men weak or effeminate. The need of religion for our boys and young men was shown that they may be able to wrest temptations to vice and crime which are so alluring, Jesus was tempted and he is able to help us when we are tempted.

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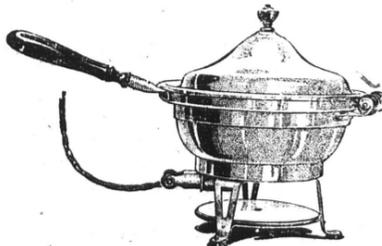
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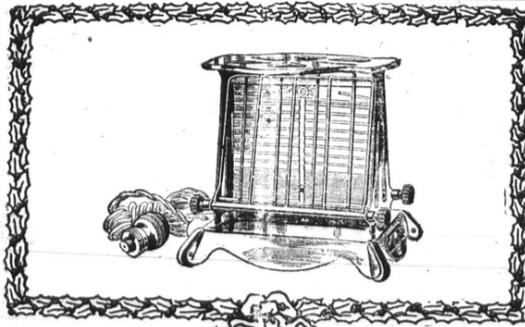
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